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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 31, 2002**

Dear Examiner:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 31, 2002.

Applicants respectfully request that the referenced patent application be amended as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 16 and 28 as follows:

sub 16. (Thrice Amended) A method for monitoring a fetal condition, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) detecting a fetal parameter of interest and generating a fetal condition signal representative thereof;
- (b) storing the fetal condition signal;